



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Department of Research and Analysis

Women Attorneys: Attorney Statistical Profile (2016-17)

This report profiles active women attorney members with membership of the State Bar of Texas as of December 31, 2016. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking all demographic data. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding. Over the last 10 years the number of Texas women attorneys has increased by 43 percent, growing from 24,469 attorneys in 2006 to 35,037 in 2016.

	Women Attorneys				All Active State Bar Attorneys			
	2006-07 N = 24,469		2016-17 N = 35,037		2006-07 N = 79,409		2016-17 N = 100,294	
Sex								
	<i>(N = 24,469)</i>		<i>(N = 35,037)</i>		<i>(N = 79,015)</i>		<i>(N = 99,636)</i>	
Male	0	0%	0	0%	54,546	69%	64,599	65%
Female	24,469	100%	35,037	100%	24,469	31%	35,037	35%
Race/Ethnicity								
	<i>(N = 23,530)</i>		<i>(N = 33,911)</i>		<i>(N = 75,002)</i>		<i>(N = 95,433)</i>	
White	18,751	73%	24,917	73%	63,942	85%	76,509	80%
Black/African-American	1,696	7%	2,941	9%	3,153	4%	5,022	5%
Hispanic/Latino	1,922	8%	3,509	10%	5,334	7%	8,529	9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	732	3%	1,609	5%	1,433	2%	3,211	3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	75	<1%	118	<1%	225	<1%	326	<1%
Two or More Races	--	--	354	1%	--	--	709	1%
Other Race	354	1%	463	1%	915	1%	1,127	1%
Years Licensed *								
2 or less years	3,643	15%	3,342	10%	7,656	10%	7,630	8%
3 to 6 years	4,136	17%	5,182	15%	9,394	12%	11,461	11%
7 to 10 years	3,573	15%	4,973	14%	9,195	12%	11,310	11%
11 to 15 years	4,270	17%	5,385	15%	11,336	14%	12,250	12%
16 to 20 years	3,540	14%	4,452	13%	9,928	13%	11,225	11%
21 to 25 years	2,913	12%	4,049	12%	9,369	12%	10,960	11%
Over 25 years	2,393	10%	7,654	22%	22,526	28%	35,458	35%
Median Years Licensed	12 Years		14 Years		16 Years		19 Years	
Age								
	<i>(N = 24,467)</i>		<i>(N = 35,037)</i>		<i>(N = 79,410)</i>		<i>(N = 100,294)</i>	
21 to 25 years	351	1%	113	<1%	537	1%	194	<1%
26 to 30 years	3,545	14%	3,558	10%	7,257	9%	7,345	7%
31 to 35 years	3,957	16%	5,506	16%	9,583	12%	12,082	12%
36 to 40 years	3,949	16%	5,435	16%	10,554	13%	12,363	12%
41 to 45 years	3,428	14%	4,437	13%	9,895	12%	11,006	11%
46 to 50 years	3,519	14%	4,220	12%	10,832	14%	11,286	11%
51 to 55 years	2,922	12%	3,505	10%	10,671	13%	9,984	10%
56 to 60 years	1,744	7%	3,402	10%	8,683	11%	10,506	10%
61 to 65 years	664	3%	2,591	7%	5,088	6%	9,636	10%
More than 65 years	388	2%	2,270	6%	6,310	8%	15,892	16%
Median Age	41 Years		44 Years		46 Years		49 Years	
Member Class—TYLA/Senior**								
TYLA Member	10,367	42%	12,342	35%	23,424	29%	26,998	27%
Senior Member	14,102	58%	22,695	65%	55,985	71%	73,296	73%

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Law School Attended								
Baylor University	1,251	5%	1,696	5%	5,120	7%	5,752	6%
St. Mary's	1,887	8%	2,598	7%	5,792	7%	7,198	7%
South Texas	2,813	12%	3,917	11%	8,704	11%	11,000	11%
Southern Methodist	2,091	9%	2,869	8%	6,712	9%	8,140	8%
Texas Southern	852	4%	1,442	4%	2,313	3%	3,370	3%
Texas Tech	1,545	6%	2,246	6%	5,031	6%	6,489	6%
Texas A&M/Formerly Texas Wesleyan	761	3%	1,550	4%	1,689	2%	3,349	3%
University of Houston	3,112	13%	3,684	11%	8,648	11%	9,974	10%
University of Texas	4,156	17%	4,839	14%	15,596	20%	16,093	16%
Out-of-State/Other Law School	5,552	23%	10,196	29%	18,456	24%	28,929	29%
Primary Occupation								
	<i>(N = 20,868)</i>		<i>(N = 27,955)</i>		<i>(N = 70,110)</i>		<i>(N = 83,678)</i>	
Private Practitioners								
Solo Practitioners	3,902	19%	5,218	19%	16,508	24%	19,199	23%
2 to 5 attorneys	2,683	13%	3,670	13%	10,889	16%	12,704	15%
6 to 10 attorneys	845	4%	1,212	4%	3,462	5%	4,348	5%
11 to 24 attorneys	996	5%	1,226	4%	3,900	6%	4,389	5%
25 to 40 attorneys	560	3%	627	2%	2,018	3%	2,167	3%
41 to 60 attorneys	298	1%	346	1%	1,120	2%	1,230	1%
More than 60 attorneys	2,634	13%	2,636	9%	8,919	13%	9,044	11%
Subtotal	11,918	57%	14,935	53%	46,816	67%	53,081	63%
Government Attorney	3,599	17%	4,323	15%	7,871	11%	8,792	11%
Full-Time Judge	454	2%	589	2%	1,549	2%	1,740	2%
Law Faculty	214	1%	274	1%	507	1%	592	1%
Corporate/In-House Counsel	2,329	11%	3,638	13%	6,845	10%	9,439	11%
Other Law Related	964	5%	1,449	5%	2,079	3%	2,910	3%
Other Non-Law Related	616	3%	969	3%	2,059	3%	2,546	3%
Public Interest Lawyer	--	--	559	2%	--	--	873	1%
Retired-Not Working	272	1%	630	2%	1,599	2%	2,735	3%
Unemployed-Looking	211	1%	227	1%	378	1%	440	1%
Unemployed-Not Looking	291	1%	362	1%	407	1%	530	1%
Members of State Bar Sections								
Section Members	9,259	38%	15,363	44%	31,693	40%	44,081	44%
Non Section Members	15,210	62%	19,674	56%	47,716	60%	56,213	56%
Members of One Section	5,077	21%	8,332	24%	15,855	20%	22,804	23%
Members of Two Sections	2,611	11%	4,246	12%	9,247	12%	12,195	12%
Members of Three Sections	980	4%	1,691	5%	3,837	5%	5,272	5%
Members of Four or More Sections	591	2%	1,094	3%	2,754	3%	3,810	4%

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Section Membership								
Administrative and Public Law	369	2%	459	1%	1,081	1%	1,231	1%
African-American Lawyers	184	1%	332	1%	336	<1%	589	1%
Alternative Dispute Resolution	323	1%	406	1%	1,139	1%	1,170	1%
Animal Law	151	1%	237	1%	253	<1%	367	<1%
Antitrust and Business Litigation	160	1%	157	<1%	1,119	1%	966	1%
Appellate	571	2%	716	2%	1,713	2%	1,996	2%
Asian-Pacific Interest	82	<1%	129	<1%	186	<1%	309	<1%
Aviation Law	30	<1%	42	<1%	244	<1%	273	<1%
Bankruptcy Law	345	1%	444	1%	1,238	2%	1,551	2%
Business Law	752	3%	1,070	3%	3,879	5%	4,519	5%
Collaborative Law	--	--	161	<1%	--	--	275	<1%
Computer and Technology	147	1%	609	2%	786	1%	2,203	2%
Construction Law	301	1%	450	1%	1,802	2%	2,250	2%
Consumer and Commercial Law	219	1%	302	1%	1,306	2%	1,398	1%
Corporate Counsel	812	3%	1,561	4%	2,878	4%	4,488	4%
Criminal Justice	571	2%	959	3%	2,214	3%	3,214	3%
Entertainment and Sports Law	136	1%	177	1%	523	1%	637	1%
Environmental and Natural Resources	353	1%	434	1%	1,269	2%	1,310	1%
Family Law	1,909	8%	3,111	9%	4,462	6%	6,093	6%
General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm	381	2%	683	2%	1,785	2%	2,320	2%
Government Lawyers	294	1%	411	1%	725	1%	987	1%
Health Law	467	2%	760	2%	1,215	2%	1,741	2%
Hispanic Issues	142	1%	218	1%	402	1%	539	1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	--	--	568	2%	--	--	1,146	1%
Individual rights and Responsibilities	57	<1%	64	<1%	182	<1%	196	<1%
Insurance Law	357	1%	568	2%	1,520	2%	2,046	2%
Intellectual Property Law	361	1%	574	2%	1,850	2%	2,519	3%
International Law	194	1%	284	1%	811	1%	915	1%
James C. Watson Inn	23	<1%	25	<1%	154	<1%	139	<1%
Judicial	26	<1%	319	1%	56	<1%	987	1%
Justice of the Peace Courts	16	<1%	40	<1%	51	<1%	134	<1%
Juvenile Law	362	1%	450	1%	813	1%	910	1%
Labor and Employment Law	1,045	4%	1,400	4%	2,799	4%	3,228	3%
Legislative and Campaign Law	--	--	91	<1%	--	--	240	<1%
LGBT Law	59	<1%	222	1%	170	<1%	501	<1%
Litigation	1,603	7%	2,009	6%	7,416	9%	8,563	9%
Litigation -Sustaining	--	--	49	<1%	--	--	251	<1%
Military and Veterans Law	32	<1%	158	<1%	230	<1%	544	1%
Municipal Judges	87	<1%	120	<1%	245	<1%	302	<1%
Native American Law	26	<1%	44	<1%	105	<1%	138	<1%
Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law	346	1%	1,070	3%	2,357	3%	4,694	5%
Poverty Law	196	1%	376	1%	340	<1%	561	1%
Public Utility Law	108	<1%	148	<1%	403	1%	493	<1%
Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law	1,655	7%	2,865	8%	7,020	9%	8,954	9%
School Law	238	1%	367	1%	574	1%	747	1%
Tax	314	1%	584	2%	1,674	2%	2,189	2%
Women and the Law	407	2%	983	3%	424	1%	1,004	1%
Workers' Compensation	--	--	116	<1%	--	--	328	<1%

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Board Certifications								
Board Certified Attorneys	1,282	5%	1,605	5%	7,060	9%	7,197	7%
Attorneys Not Board Certified	23,187	95%	33,432	95%	72,349	91%	93,097	93%
Attorneys Board Certified in One Area	1,191	5%	1,501	4%	5,907	7%	6,151	6%
Attorneys Board Certified in Two Areas	82	<1%	96	<1%	1,029	1%	936	1%
Attorneys Board Certified in Three or More Areas	9	<1%	8	<1%	124	<1%	110	<1%
Attorneys Board Certified In:								
Administrative Law	52	<1%	44	<1%	162	<1%	145	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Business	20	<1%	14	<1%	160	<1%	127	<1%
Bankruptcy Law: Consumer	29	<1%	24	<1%	159	<1%	132	<1%
Civil Appellate Law	113	<1%	123	<1%	408	1%	428	<1%
Civil Trial Law	68	<1%	61	<1%	1,173	1%	978	1%
Consumer and Commercial Law	6	<1%	9	<1%	68	<1%	73	<1%
Criminal Appellate	--	--	40	<1%	--	--	127	<1%
Criminal Law	128	1%	140	<1%	836	1%	832	1%
Estate Planning and Probate Law	146	1%	193	1%	654	1%	695	1%
Family Law	261	1%	356	1%	705	1%	818	1%
Health Law	18	<1%	31	<1%	47	<1%	67	<1%
Immigration and Nationality Law	41	<1%	78	<1%	102	<1%	162	<1%
Juvenile Law	33	<1%	38	<1%	58	<1%	68	<1%
Labor and Employment Law	177	1%	248	1%	544	1%	637	1%
Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law	15	<1%	32	<1%	262	<1%	373	<1%
Personal Injury Trial Law	126	1%	114	<1%	1,768	2%	1,551	2%
Real Estate Law: Commercial	48	<1%	68	<1%	490	1%	476	<1%
Real Estate Law: Farm and Ranch	7	<1%	8	<1%	99	<1%	87	<1%
Real Estate Law: Residential	38	<1%	40	<1%	329	<1%	282	<1%
Tax Law	22	<1%	23	<1%	231	<1%	208	<1%
Workers' Compensation Law	34	<1%	33	<1%	92	<1%	98	<1%

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Footnotes

* Based on year first licensed in any jurisdiction.

** Texas Young Lawyers Association membership is automatic for attorneys 36 years old or younger and for attorneys of any age who are in their first five years of practice.

General Notes

All demographic data is self-reported and represents active attorney Bar members in good standing as of December 31, 2016. Not all demographic data is provided by every attorney. Separate population totals are provided in italics in each category that is lacking full membership representation. Percentages may not sum to one hundred due to rounding.